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- 1. General. Vessels may arrive at any time and draft is not a factor. No pilots are available. Vessels are delayed when two or more are in port at the same time due to limited cargo handling facilities.
- 2. Stevedores. There are four gangs available. The normal working hours are: 0700 1100 and 1200 1600 on week days and 0700 1100 on Saturdays.
- 3. Piers. Vessels must unload into lighters. The depth of water alongside the piers precludes discharge from lighters at extreme low tides, and require high tide for discharge of heavy lifts.
- 4. Crance. Two 3 ton; One 9 ton; One 12 ton. (With maximum dimensions of 35' length, 7' width and 12' height.)
- 5. Lighters.

Five of 45 s/tons (or 600 bags of coffee) Two of 35 s/tons (or 450 bags of coffee) One of 25 s/tons (or 325 bags of coffee) Three tugs are available.

- 6. Freight cars. These are standard capacity flatcars 7' wide and normally there are sufficient cars available for unloading.
- 7. Warehouses. Warehouses are at Sonsonate, 12 miles away. There are two warehouses, one 45 x 45 x 5 meters the other 100 x 30 x 5 meters. Both are in good condition.
- 8. Supplies. No water or fuel oil is available. Fresh provisions may be obtained on one day's notice.

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9. Communications. San Salvador is about one and a half hours by car and the road is good at all times of the year. Buses make approximately four trips a day each way. Train service to San Salvador is irregular.

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